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Dr. O. Fischer Returns From European Journey

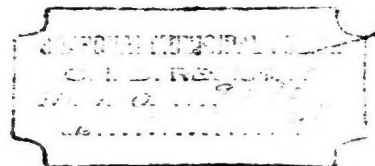
Dr. O. Fischer, well-known Shanghai attorney and partner of the legal firm of Musso, Fischer and Wilhelm, has returned to Shanghai after an absence of more than three months. He arrived in the city two days ago, coming from the North, having made the return trip to China via Siberia.

The attorney left Shanghai early in September and while away visited most of the capitals of Europe in connection with his firm's business. He spent considerable time in Italy.

While in Rome, Dr. Fischer was received by Count Ciano, now Italian Foreign Minister and formerly Minister of China. He also was met by Comm. Boscarelli, another former Italian Minister to China, who is now Il Duce's representative in Greece.

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THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1934

Dr. O. Fischer of Messrs. Musso, Fischer & Wilhelm, returned yesterday in the ss. Dairen Maru from Dairen after a short business trip to Europe. Dr. Fischer left here at the end of August going to Singapore in an Italian vessel and then flying home by the Royal Dutch Airmail completing 8,000 miles in six days. Dr. Fischer returned via the U.S.S.R. and Siberia.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY

November 8 33.

My dear Steptoe,

I have to inform you that Dr. Oskar Fischer
of Messrs. Musso, Fischer and Wilhelm, returned to
Shanghai from Venice by the s.s. "Conte Verde"
on November 6, 1933. He was accompanied by Mrs.
Renee Fischer.

Yours sincerely,

MS

H.N. Steptoe, Esq.,
British Consulate-General.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special Branch

Date November 7, 1933.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

C. I. D. REGISTRY

No. I. O.

Date 31/11/33

Subject (in full). Dr. O. Fischer returns to Shanghai.

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by

J. S. Pitts

Dr. Oskar Fischer of the legal firm of Messrs. Musso, Fischer and Wilhelm, Szechuen Road returned to Shanghai from Venice on November 6, 1933 travelling as a passenger on board the S.S. "Conte Verde."

Dr. Fischer gave the following details when inscribing the 'Aliens' Passport Examination Form:

NameOskar Fischer.

Age48

Nationality.....Italian.

Birthplace.....Trienden

Domicile.....69 Route Vallon

Profession.....Lawyer

Passport.....A. 351785 issued on June 17, 1931 at local Italian Consulate-General.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Henge Fischer on this trip.

D. S. Pitts

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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S. Mr. Yao

Please send confidential note to Mr. S. conveying the above information

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Special Branch - S.2.

June 9, 1933.

Movements of Dr. O. Fischer.

Dr. O. Fischer, suspected Soviet ^{*sympathiser*} Agent,
left Shanghai for Italy on May 12, 1933,
travelling on the s.s. "Conte Verde."

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Informant

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Re Barton informed of departure - see Lic S. 2919.

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S. 2. Special Branch.
March 20, 1933.

Letters from Willi Muenzenberg addressed to Harold R. Isaacs; Dr. Fischer and Dr. Wilhelm.

Attached herewith are photographic copies of three letters from Willi Muenzenberg addressed to Harold Isaacs, Dr. Fischer and Dr. Wilhelm, the originals of which were enclosed in an envelope addressed to Harold Isaacs. The contents of these missives are, briefly, as follows :-

- (1) Letter in English dated Paris January 20, 1933, from Willi Muenzenberg, (President ?) of the "Comite International pour la Defense de Paul et Gertrud Ruegg", addressed to Harold Isaacs, Shanghai. The writer thanks Isaacs for his active interest in the Ruegg (Moulens) case and informs him that a new hunger-strike campaign has been started. Muenzenberg also states he encloses copies of specially addressed letters to Dr. Fischer and Dr. Wilhelm respectively regarding a certain sum of money retained by them. He concludes by stating that Chinese officials in Europe spread all kinds of rumours concerning the excellent conditions prevailing in Chinese prisons, and that in this connection the "Gertrud and Paul Ruegg Defence Committee" were publishing a report of a Chinese who had fled from the "hell" of Chinese prisons.
- (2) Letter in German dated January 16, 1933 from the President (Willi Muenzenberg ?) addressed to Dr. Fischer requesting information as to how the sum of G\$1,500, which had been deposited in the American Oriental Bank by Ruegg (Moulens), had been expended.
- (3) Letter in German dated January 16, 1933 from the President (Willi Muenzenberg ?) addressed to Dr. Wilhelm, requesting information as to how a sum of money put to his disposal by Mrs. Ruegg (Vandercruyssen) had been disposed.

These photographic copies were received by the Municipal Police from the French Police.

WHITE INTERNATIONAL
pour la
Defense de Paul et Gertrud Ruegg
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Paris, le 20/1/33.

FRANCE:

Rene Arcos
Henri Barbusse
Victor Marqueritte
Henri Poulaille
Romain Rolland
Leon Werth

Mr.

Harold Isaacs
Shanghai

Dear friend,

I thank you for your letter of the 5th December. Our Committee has taken notice with the greatest interest of your report about the latest news in the Ruegg case. We have started a new campaign of the hunger strike. Please inform hereabout the respective members of the Shanghai Committee.

Angleterre:

Jean Beauchamp
Reginald Bridgman
Mc Govern M.P.
Kirchwood M.P.
Maxton M.P.
Wallhead M.P.

I have written special letters to Dr. Fischer and Dr. Wilhelm about the sums retained, copies of which I enclose. A special delegation has been sent to Mr. Wellington Koo at Geneva. As soon as I get his answer, I immediately shall transfer it to you.

Allemagne:

Bert Brecht
Prof. Albert Einstein
Lion Feuchtwanger
Prof. Alfons Goldschmidt
Ludwig Renn
Freiherr von Schonaich
Paul Wegener

The Chinese officials in Europe spread all kinds of rumors about excellent conditions in Chinese prisons. It will be an easy task for you, through your newspapers show all the lies of their declarations. We are publishing in the next days a report of a Chinese friend who fled from the hell of Chinese prisons.

Etats-Unis:

Forrest Bailey
Floyd Dell
Theodore Dreiser
Sinclair Lewis
John Dos Passos
Oswald Garrison Villard.

With best greetings,

Espagne:

Josquin Arderius
Mariano Benlaurery Tuero
Alicio Garcitoral
Antonio de Miguel

Yours

Willi Muenzenberg.

2 enclosures

Translation from German

16/1/33

To Dr. Fischer

Shanghai

Sir,

As I have been informed by our representative, Mr. Vincent, who returned to Europe, Mr. Ruegg, at the time of his arrest, transferred to Dr. Wilhelm the sum of G.\$1500.00 which was deposited in the American Oriental Bank. Will you please let me know for what purposes this sum was expended. I have been informed from another source that this sum was detained by the authorities concerned and was recently distributed among the judges, police and guards. If there was no court order for the confiscation of the above sum, this must be considered a sheer robbery on the part of the Chinese authorities, and I request you to lodge a strong protest against this action on behalf of our Defence Committee.

Mr. Ruegg, I am informed, signed an order in the beginning of December, according to which the sum of approximately G.\$1500.00 was transferred in favour of the Defence Committee. I should be very much obliged to you, if you would furnish me with information on this subject.

Please hand the enclosed letter to Dr. Wilhelm, your partner.

I am, Sir, etc.

President.

1 letter enclosed.

Translation from German

16/1/33

To Dr. Wilhelm,
c/o Musso, Fisher and Wilhelm.

Shanghai.

Sir,

Mrs. Gertrud Ruegg (Vanderweylen) put at your disposal a certain sum, the exact amount of which we do not know, for the maintenance of her son Jimmy, who is under the care of Mrs. Holz. We take the opportunity of expressing to you our thanks for the pains you have taken in making arrangements for the little Jimmy, and we request you to let us know, as soon as possible, the amount of the sum which was put at your disposal, so that we might be able to take steps to arrange for a further remittance, should the sum have become exhausted.

I am, Sir, etc..

President.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. 9282
Date 25. 6. 29

June 25,

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SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Colonel,

Dr. O. S. Fisher.

With reference to your letter of
May 20, I forward herewith a copy of a C.I.D.
Report on the subject of Dr. O.S. Fisher.

Yours sincerely,

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Lieut. Col. G.H.R. Halland, O.B.E.,
North China Command.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Domestic Section Station.

Police 172-18.

June 17, 1921. 192

REPORT ON Dr. Siegfried S. Fischer.

Made by T. E. Robinson.

Forwarded by John Robertson, C.D.I.

Dr. Siegfried S. Fischer is 30 years of age and is an Austrian Jew having been born in the province of Tyrol in 1891. He is a native speaker of German. He arrived in Shanghai in 1911 and was employed for some time as a bookkeeper with the Anglo-Siam Trading Coy. On April 20, 1913 he married a French lady and there are two sons, the younger, Paul, aged 13, and Georges, aged 14, both of whom are being educated in Germany. After leaving the Anglo-Siam Trading Coy. Dr. Fischer was for some time a director of a French company and in the years 1914, 1915 and part of 1916 he was manager of the China Export and Import (Shanghai, Ltd. etc.) at 112 Szechuen Road. In addition to the business which he practised as a Director-Manager he signed the Import Roll of the old China Court on June 14, 1916. For one or two years, however, he was not very successful and found great difficulty in maintaining his livelihood. In the autumn of 1916 the China Export and Import Coy. went out of business and he opened his own lawyers office at 112 Szechuen Road at the time, but not very successful he became better known by his activities as a lawyer. In 1919 he closed his office to join the law firm of Mr. Musso and was a member of the staff until 1921 when he was admitted into partnership and the firm became known as Musso and Fischer.

During the Great War Dr. Fischer registered as an enemy subject and was known as a notorious pro-German and a holder of German interests ever since the outbreak of hostilities.

Soon after the Great War broke out he tried to register at the French Consulate but was unsuccessful and in February 1919 he

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Station.

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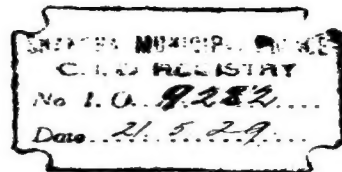
Resident of the Royal Italian Consulate since the province of
Trent was ceded to Italy and the matter was being handled
as Italian subject.

In this case it was reported that the matter was being
one or two weeks before the completion and it was to be that there
business is concerned he had no samples.

In June 1921 it was reported that the matter was being
remained in the midst between the firm of Fischer and Fischer and
the representatives of the Soviet Government in China. At the same
time it was also reported that the Soviet Minister in Peking
had Dr. Fischer as a representative of the firm. The matter
of the firm was being handled by the Soviet Government
in a way which was out of the line of the firm's business
and it was reported as an approach to the firm going on to
also, at the time of the departure of the Soviet authorities,
by order of the Chinese authorities, Dr. Fischer in December 1921.
Dr. Fischer was most active in looking after Soviet interests and
in the establishment of the "Soviet League". On June 25,
1921, Dr. Fischer left Shanghai and is reported to have
arrived in Moscow. In the meantime the firm of Fischer and
Fischer has been reported to have been in the process of
negotiating with the Nationalist Government of China for the
purchase of the firm's business and if possible to
bring about a successful conclusion of the firm. He was reported to
have arrived in Shanghai on October 20, 1922.

With reference to that part of the inquiry relative

Short letter & copy
to Col Halland Secret & Confidential
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H. B. M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

20th. May, 1929.

My dear Aiers,

The Authorities in India suggest that the well-known local lawyer Dr. O. Fischer who applied to H.B.M Supreme Court for permission to defend the accused in the case of the murder of Harcharan Singh, may be identical with an Austrian lawyer and merchant named Dr. O. Fischer who, according to ^athe statement made early in 1917 in connection with Indian sedition in the Far East, was one of the principal men who were engaged in plots against India at that time. I should be glad to have your views on this suggestion and to have a detailed report on the Italian lawyer, Dr. O. Fischer, if this can be compiled without giving your staff a great deal of trouble. The Authorities in India also suggest that Dr. O. Fischer may now be an Italian citizen owing to the transfer after the war of a portion of Austrian territory to Italy.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. K. Hall.

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Criminal Investigation Department,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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Shanghai Municipal Police

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. 9482
Date 11-11-28

CENTRAL I. D. Station.

October 31, 1928.

REPORT ON Arrival of Dr. Fisher.

Made by P.C.S. MAKAROFF.

Forwarded by

J. Guions A.C.P.

Dr. E. Fischer returned to Shanghai from
Harbin on October 30, 1928, per s.s. "Sakaki Maru".

J. Makaroff -
P.C.S.

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*Copy to H.B.M. Consul
Col. Hallam
Capt. Sheller
Sgt. Goldsmith*

H.R.

[Signature]



June 18, 3

Dear

With reference to the attached copy of a newspaper article regarding Dr. A. Fischer, information has been received that he has departed on a diplomatic mission to Moscow. Prior to his leaving Shanghai he negotiated with the Nationalist authorities on behalf of the Soviet Government regarding the possibility of Chinese ports being opened to vessels of the Soviet Mercantile Fleet and his visit to Moscow is to report the result of his work and if possible to bring about a successful conclusion of the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Letters sent to :-

W.C. Cassels, Esq., H.B.M. Consulate General

Lieut. Col. G.H.R. Halland, O.B.E., North China Command.

Lieut. F. Goldsmith, North China Command.

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 Robertson
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Ref to above to authorities
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